

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 14, 16-21, and 29 are pending in the present application. Claims 7-13, 15, 22-28, and 30 are canceled. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 121

The Office Action requires a restriction to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-6, 14, 16-21, 29; and
- II. Claims 7-13, 15, 22-28, 30.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect invention I, claims 1-6, 14, 16-21, and 29, without traverse.

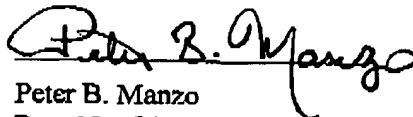
Claims 7-13, 15, 22-28, and 30 to non-elected invention II, are hereby canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. It is respectfully urged that the subject application be reconsidered.

II. Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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